

REPORT OF ALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

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The Alton Community Services has had a very successful year in assisting the distressed and disadvantaged of the community. We have had an overwhelming response to these needs, monetary as well as non-perishable foods. It is a good feeling that the community is backing us in our efforts. We also appreciate the support of Hannaford's Supermarket and Town businesses, and thank all of you so much for your contributions.

In November we celebrated our 10th year of service with a special dinner for our volunteers. Our guest of honor was Mrs. Elizabeth (Sweeney)McCarty who first recognized a need in Alton and along with church leaders and support of the Town proceeded to organize and incorporate the Alton Community Services Program.

I would like to share stories that will touch your heart. A five year old gave up the traditional birthday gifts and requested his guests to bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry as well as money. One seven year old saved his allowance and with the help of his parents brought in a car load of food! School students conducted a food drive and 600 items of non-perishable food goods were collected. We are very grateful for their great work and thoughtfulness.

Amy Brackly and I continue to serve on the Saint Vincent d' Paul financial committee. They have been very generous with grant money to this community and to Alton Community Services. Hazel Potter is our representative for the Salvation Army. Grants received from these organizations totaled \$28,365.85.

The annual audit was performed by Shirley Young and Barbara Moulton and our books were found to be in good order.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of our Board of Directors for their efforts on behalf of A.C.S.P. and our volunteers who continue to make our organization so great!

If you need help or know of a household in need, we would like to meet more families. Our guidelines follow the USDA requirements. Our Telephone Number is 875-2273 (CARE). We also act as a referral organization. New this year, is a telephone number to use for emergency assistance implemented by the State, persons may dial 2-1-1 at anytime for help.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorethee S. Wentworth, Director